(d) The estimated expenditure involved in electrification of these sections is about Rs. 1600 crore.

Health centres in States

*77. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed working of health centres running in States in view of their poor performance;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Central Government are considering to introduce new projects in States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken for construction of buildings for those health centres in rural areas which are not having their own buildings?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes, Sir. A Facility Survey has been conducted in the country, in two phases (1998-99 and 2003-2004), which assessed the availability of infrastructure *i.e.* water facility, electricity, vehicle, operation theatre, labour room etc. and health manpower position in the primary health care institution in the country. The details of the same are annexed as Annexure [See Appendix 204, Annexure No. 8].

The rural health care infrastructure status has also been reviewed in the four regional workshops held at Chandigarh, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkatta.

In addition, National Council of Applied Economics Research (NCAER) carried out the evaluation of sub-centres in selected districts of the country to assess the performance of the sub-centres with respect to availability of infrastructure, manpower, equipment, medicines, efficacy of service delivery, extent of coordination and to understand the impact of the Family Welfare Programme. The Data has been collected from 1040 sub-centres in 130 districts covering 30% of the districts of 14 major States in India.

The task of evaluation of functioning of Urban Family Welfare Centres and Urban Health Posts in the country is being carried out by International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai with the help of various Population Research Centres.

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(b) and (c) World Bank funded Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-I) is being further extended in the country as RCH-II, under which following steps are beign taken:

> Major civil works for repair/construction of OT/Labour Room;

> Provision of equipments/medicine for emergencey obstetric care at first referral units;

> Financial assistance for contract appointments/hiring of Anaesthetists/ Gynaecologists/Safe Motherhood Consultants/Staff Nurses/Lab. Technician, Additional ANMs etc.

National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is being launched from April, 2005 throughout the country with special focus on 18 States which includes 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, M.P. Chhattisgarh, U.P., Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 North East States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The main objective of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of the population. The major initiatives under NRHM are—

> Creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA)

> Supply of essential drugs to the Health Care Institutions

> Upgrading including construction of buildings

> Provision of 24 hours services in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and Community Health Centres (CHCs)

> Upgradation of 100% PHCs as First Referral Units (FRUs)

> Creation of new Health Centres to meet the population norms

> Development of primary health care infrastructure for the urban slum areas.

(d) Government of India provides funds for repairs, renovations and

expansion of existing health care infrastructure under Major Civil Works scheme of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme.

Under RCH-II, a lump sum financial assistance will be provided for construction of sub-centres including ANM quarters.

Area projects are being implemented with the assistance of World Bank and other international donor agencies in selected States and backward districts in the country. One of the main activities of area project includes construction of buildings for sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres.

New constructions made under different area projects includes completion of construction of 28 maternity homes/MCH centres and 804 VHP/SCs. The construction of 27 VHP/SCs is under progress under RCH Sub Projects, which has been implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) assisted Integrated Population and Development (IPD)-VI Project, 10 new constructions have been built in Orissa. 28 new constructions have been made in the State of Maharashtra under German Technical Co-operation (GTZ) assisted Basic Health Programme (BHP). Under Danish Aided (DANIDA) assisted Basic Health Services Programme (BHSP), 8 new constructions have been made in Madhya Pradesh.

Data Bank on new treatment techniques

*78. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of a "Data Bank" for information regarding new techniques in medical treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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